

I can remember many times she would take us to the police department in the middle of the night. Back in those days there was not much sympathy from a lot of the people in blue toward abused wives and children. I can remember one night the police told her that if she did not take the children home at that moment, which was about 1 o'clock in the morning, with her face all bruised, that they would arrest her, which I could not understand.

Anyhow, she finally met a really nice fellow, after she was divorced from my father. Incidentally, my father came in through the floor of the house where we lived on the West side of Indianapolis with a sawed-off shotgun and took her away after breaking down the door, and we did not know whether she was dead or alive for many days, and we spent quite a bit of time at the Marion County Guardian's Home while she was away. But, thankfully, she was able to get away from him and survive.

She finally met a very nice man, Kindeth A. Kelly, who ended up becoming my stepfather on December 23rd, 1950. He and my mother were married for 48 years. He worked in a foundry as a sand hog and later as a foreman of that foundry for a long, long time, I think it was 30-some years, and my mother worked in Ayres Tea Room as a waitress for 18 years.

The thing I recall about her was that she never complained. She would get up every morning and go to work at the tea room, work all day long on her feet, and come home at night and fix dinner for us, and I never heard her complain once. Those were very difficult times.

Looking back on those times, I realize how really wonderful she was. I do not recall that I told her very many times how much I appreciated her, but I did, and I was able to at least convey some of that to her in her last days.

There are so many things that you would like to say about your mother at a time like this, and you just cannot recall all of them. But she was really something special. She instilled in her children a love of nature, a love of art, and a love music and poetry. In fact, she requested that I memorize a lot of poems when things were going very difficult for the family in my formative years. Those poems, that poetry, gave me a lot of strength and courage during some very difficult times that I encountered in my life.

One of the poems that she asked me to commit to memory was one that I would like to just recite for my colleagues who may be paying attention tonight, Mr. Speaker.

When things go wrong, as they sometimes will,

When the road you are trudging seems all uphill;

When care is pressing you down a bit,  
Rest, if you must, but don't you quit.

'Cause life is queer with its twists and turns,  
As every one of us sometimes learns;  
And often the goal is nearer than it seems,  
To a faint and faltering man.

Often the loser has given up,  
When he might have captured the victor's cup;

And he learned too late when the night came down,

How close he was to the golden crown.

Success is failure turned inside out,

The silver tint on the clouds of doubt;

So stick to the fight,

When you're hardest hit;

It's when things go wrong,

That you mustn't quit.

My mother was not a quitter; my stepfather, who really was my father because he treated us so well, was not a quitter; and I will never forget as long as I live the wonderful things that she did for me and the things she taught me.

#### OMISSION FROM THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD OF SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 1998

#### ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

Mr. THOMAS, from the Committee on House Oversight, reported that that committee had examined and found truly enrolled bills of the House of the following titles, which were thereupon signed by the Speaker:

H.R. 4112. Making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1999, and for other purposes.

#### LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. COMBEST (at the request of Mr. ARMEY) for today on account of personal reasons.

Mrs. FOWLER (at the request of Mr. ARMEY) for today and tomorrow on account of family medical emergency.

Mr. GOSS (at the request of Mr. ARMEY) for today and on September 29 on account of illness in the family.

Mr. JENKINS (at the request of Mr. ARMEY) for today on account of a death in the family.

Mr. MARTINEZ (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT) for today on account of personal business.

#### SPECIAL ORDERS GRANTED

By unanimous consent, permission to address the House, following the legislative program and any special orders heretofore entered, was granted to:

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. VISCLOSKEY) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. BROWN of Ohio, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. CHRISTIAN-GREEN, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. MINGE, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. PALLONE, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. CONYERS, for 5 minutes, today.

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. LUCAS of Oklahoma) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. RAMSTAD, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. CASTLE, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. BATEMAN, for 5 minutes each day, today and on September 29.

Mr. METCALF, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. LUCAS, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. THUNE, for 5 minutes, today.

#### EXTENSION OF REMARKS

By unanimous consent, permission to revise and extend remarks was granted to:

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. VISCLOSKEY) and to include extraneous material:)

Mr. VENTO.

Mr. KIND.

Mr. HAMILTON.

Mr. STARK.

Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts.

Mr. STOKES.

Mr. EVANS.

Mr. BERMAN.

Mr. FROST.

Mr. ROTHMAN.

Ms. VELÁZQUEZ.

Ms. DELAURO.

Mr. CLAY.

Mr. SKELTON.

Mr. MARTINEZ.

Mr. LANTOS.

Mr. MARKEY.

Mr. KUCINICH.

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. LUCAS of Oklahoma) and to include extraneous material:)

Mr. BOB SCHAFFER of Colorado.

Mr. SAXTON.

Mr. DREIER.

Mr. GILMAN in two instances.

Mr. PORTER.

Mr. GEKAS.

Ms. PRYCE of Ohio.

Mr. ENSIGN.

Mr. HUTCHINSON.

#### SENATE BILL REFERRED

A bill of the Senate of the following title was taken from the Speaker's table and, under the rule, referred as follows:

S. 2511

An Act to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to pay employees of the Food Safety and Inspection Service working in establishments subject to the Federal Meat Inspection Act and the Poultry Products Inspection Act for overtime and holiday work performed by the employees; to the Committee on Agriculture; in addition to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

#### ADJOURNMENT

Mr. BURTON of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.